

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 17, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Ron Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: R. Pritchard - present (until 8:15 p.m.)
Vice President - Shane Miller - arrived at 7:05 p.m.
Commissioner - Rodney Frey - present
Commissioner and Board Secretary - Keith Aurand - present
Commissioner - Steve Pritchard - via phone
Staff Present: Debra Carey - Executive Director
Teresa Smith - Administrative Assistant
Greg Hunter - Park Ranger

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A. None

III. VISITORS Sign-in sheet is on file.

- A. Phillip LeFevre was present to encourage the Park District to purchase the Timber Creek Golf Course and Banquet facility.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commissioner Aurand made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Frey, to approve the December 13, 2017 regular session minutes as amended and the December 13, 2017 executive session minutes.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - absent, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried

V. APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Aurand made a motion, seconded by Commissioner S. Pritchard to accept all financial documents for December as printed.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - absent, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried

VI. REPORTS

- A. Commissioner
1. President R. Pritchard - none
 2. Commissioner Miller - none
 3. Commissioner Frey - none
 4. Commissioner Aurand - none
 5. Commissioner S. Pritchard - none

- B. Executive Director
Board reviewed Carey's report as printed. Carey provided an update on the Al Morrison complex parking item on her report indicating that she has re-sent the maps to ComEd per their request.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Frisbee Golf
The price quote received from Dynamic Discs was very high. Commissioner R. Pritchard will work with Duane Long to investigate the potential to have the Park District staff complete a disc golf course.
- B. Dog Park
A visitor present at the meeting offered to assist with the Dog Park. Several community members have voiced concern about moving the dog park to Page Park. At this time Commissioner Frey has not made any decisions on next steps for the dog park. The dog park will be on the agenda in February.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Blackhawk Trail Riders - OHV
Guests, Jim Lillyman, Chuck Goldie, George Bellovics, Mark Imfeld and Damian Considine spoke to share insight on the use of the OHVs on the trail system. If the trail system cannot be expanded at this time the Blackhawk Trail Riders proposed that the fees be decreased from previous years. The OHV fee structure will be on the agenda for the February 2018 Board meeting.
- B. Petunia Festival Lease
Carey spoke with Rob Bates regarding the 2018 Petunia Festival Lease. The layout for the Petunia Festival will change this year due to the construction at the Dixon High School. The Illinois National Guard may also be doing construction during the Petunia Festival. Carey will request a drawing of the layout for the 2018 Petunia Festival from Rob Bates. The Park District has had a good relationship with the Petunia Festival and Carey indicated the Park District wants to continue that positive relationship.
- C. 2018 -2019 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #582
Carey indicated she and the staff met to review the proposed budget. The Cubs tickets have been deleted as this service is offered through other agencies. Offering a digital Board meeting packet would help to decrease copying and paper costs. Carey will investigate options to have the Board packet posted on a web portal. The cost for health insurance continues to rise with Carey investigating the options available.
- D. Expanding the I/C Bike Trail
Tim Grosnick from the Rock River Valley Bicycle Club presented 2 phases for extending the current off-road bike path along the Lowell Parkway Path. The group maintains the current trail and would maintain the additional trails. The trail would be built using the International Mountain Bike Association standards so that impact to the terrain would be minimized and volunteer time would be minimized. Consensus of the Board was for approval of the Rock River Valley Bicycle Club to proceed with phase 1 and phase 2 as presented. Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Aurand abstained from the consensus due to being members of the Rock River Valley Bicycle Club.

- E. Deposits and Investments Policy
Carey indicated the current process for deposits is consistent with the policy however sometimes the Executive Director is not always double-checking the deposit. At times the Executive Director will delegate the double-check to another employee so that the same person is not always doing the double-check.
- F. IPARKS Dues
This topic will be added to the agenda in February for full Board discussion.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board returned to Open session at 9:50 p.m.

X. ADJOURN

At 9:51 p.m., Commissioner S. Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Aurand, to adjourn.

Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - absent, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried.

Signatures: _____ Date: _____
 Ron Pritchard

_____ Date: _____
 Shane Miller

_____ Date: _____
 Keith Aurand

_____ Date: _____
 Steve Pritchard

_____ Date: _____
 Rodney Frey